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Annotations

6 May 1996

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At the beginning of the eighteenth session, the Committee will elect a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur to fill the posts vacated by the elected members of the Bureau representing the Latin American and Caribbean group, and the

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African Group, respectively. The newly elected Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur will serve until the end of the original term, that is 1996.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau.

4. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/432, 3 May has been declared World Press Freedom Day. It is the intention of the Committee on Information to commemorate the occasion at the opening day of its eighteenth substantive session. The President of the General Assembly has been invited to address the Committee. Statements will be made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information and the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

5. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

6. Statement by the Assistant Secretary-General

The Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting on the progress achieved in the work of the Department of Public Information pertaining to the agenda items under consideration.

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7. General debate and consideration of substantive questions 1/

(a) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and of the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communication order;

(b) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications;

(c) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information.

Consideration of the agenda items will include the following written reports:

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations information centres in 1995: allocation of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations (A/AC.198/1996/2);

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of publications by the Department of Public Information (A/AC.198/1996/3);

Report of the Secretary-General on Member States' observations and suggestions on ways and means of furthering the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities of developing countries (A/AC.198/1996/4).

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8. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session

Notes

1/ The wording of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979.